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1. Despite the efforts of the Soviet Government to improve rural conditions, they have not improved. Whereas prior to 1941 a kolkhoznik would receive up to 1,000 grams of bread for a working day, at present, in most of the rural areas of the central oblasty of the RSFSR, kolkhozniki are receiving nothing at all or occasionally from 100 to 300 grams of bread (sic, grain?) per work-day. Kolkhozniki in this area continue to live off their own plots of land, where they raise potatoes. The kolkhozy are currently unable to fulfill the Government plan for grain deliveries and are unable to produce their seed requirements.
2. [] prospects for improvement of the situation in the next year or two are dim. The Soviet newspaper reports about improvement in the conditions on kolkhozy are based on conditions prevailing on one or two kolkhozy in each oblast which are supported as State showplaces.
3. Frequently during this year (1954) there has been an irregular flow of the food supply into the cities of this area. During the early summer months of 1954 in Kiev and Lvov, there were long lines of people waiting for bread. The food situation in Ivanovo, Kostroma, Kalinin, and Yaroslavl is very bad. Even Moscow is experiencing great difficulties.

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Comment: The area of the RSFSR covered [] includes the following oblasty: Moskovskaya, Kurskaya, Orlovskaya, Bryanskaya, Smolenskaya, Kalininskaya, Velikolukskaya, Novgorodskaya, Leningradskaya, Vologodskaya, Kostromskaya, Yaroslavskaya, Ivanovskaya, Vladimirskaya, Gorkovskaya, and Tulskaaya.

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